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For: A NOVEL HAEMOPOIETIN RECEPTOR

AND GENETIC SEQUENCES ENCODING

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

## RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 1999 setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group II, Claims 20-27 and 30, directed to an isolated haemopoietin receptor.

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

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